



Trail Tales

Mountain Valley Trail Riders
P.O. Box 752
Washington, PA 15301

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Upcoming Events

March 16 Monthly Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
Director's Meeting – 7:00
Jeanie Taylor's house, 36 Horseshoe Dr., Eighty Four

Reminders

The next club meeting will be **March 16th at 7:30** at Jeanie Taylor's house as there is currently construction going on at the Courthouse Square building. A **Director's Meeting** will be held at 7:00 prior to the regular meeting. Jeanie's address is 36 Horseshoe Dr., Eighty Four, PA.

If you have a change of mailing or e-mail address or are not receiving your newsletter, please make sure to notify Meaghan Hettinger at (724) 514-7781 or Meaghan_hettinger@comcast.net. Keeping your current address updated with the club will ensure you continue to receive your newsletter and other club notifications.

Pictures are always needed to document the activities of the previous year. Please send by e-mail to Meaghan at meaghan_hettinger@comcast.net or a physical copy of the picture to 106 Chestnut Court, Canonsburg, PA 15317.



Election Results

Results for the Election held at the October meeting are as follows:

President: Elaine Clemens Mowl Vice President: Jeanie Taylor

Recording Secretary: Marci Kirchner

Director Seats (3): Meaghan Hettinger, Marci Kirchner and Chuck Dye

Parade Report: The Burgettstown Homecoming Parade held on October 9th went well. MVTR had approximately 10 riders present.

Highway Clean-Up

Six members of MVTR participated in the highway cleanup event held on Sunday, October 10th, 2021. A North Strabane police officer on patrol provided a safety escort for our group and let us know that they will be glad to assist with our future clean-up dates. Lunch followed the clean-up.

Pennsylvania Equine Council

Club member Connie Davis is the Washington County representative for the Pennsylvania Equine Council (PEC). According to the PEC website, “the aim and goal of the PEC is to make it easier, more affordable, safer and more enjoyable to own equines and participate in equestrian sports in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. To be effective, the PEC needs to hear from, garner support from, and be able to communicate with all the state’s horse owners. Pennsylvania ranks fourth in the United States in numbers of horses – our numbers are large and impressive. If we work together, we can ensure a healthy industry with the infrastructure, laws and protection we need to make Pennsylvania a great place to own and ride horses for generations to come. We can’t do it without your membership, support, ideas and participation. Join the PEC now.”

<https://pennsylvaniaequinecouncil.org/join/membership/>

**Don’t forget to renew your membership
with MVTR for 2022!**

Meeting Notes

The **September 15, 2021** meeting of the Mountain Valley Trail Riders was called to order by President Elaine Clemens Mowl at 7:39 pm with 9 members in attendance.

The **Invocation** was given by Elaine Clemens Mowl.

The **Minutes** of the August 18, 2021 meeting were read by Marci Kirchner. A motion to accept the report was made by Dave Kirchner and 2nd by Jeanie Taylor.

The **Treasurer's Report** was given by Diana Hughes. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Meaghan Hettinger and 2nd by Kellie DiBattista.

Bills Against the Club were presented by the following members: N/A

Correspondence - The insurance policy re-instatement notice was received from American National Insurance.

Sick Members/Deaths – Former member Dave McKenzie passed away and the memorial service is Saturday the 18th .

New Members – Dave and Cindy Greer

Director's Meeting – Next Director's meeting will be October 20th

Publicity/Highway Clean-Up – The next highway clean-up will be planned for Sunday October 10th beginning at 11:00 am. Lunch will follow the clean-up.

Trail Rides – Nothing new to report. **Post meeting note: The October Barkcamp ride has been re-scheduled for November 5,6 and 7. Please coordinate with Suzanne Weimer if you plan on joining.

Director's Meeting - The next Director's Meeting is October 20th at 7:00 pm.

Newsletter - Nothing to report

Trail Blazing – Diana Hughes reports that she rode 2 miles at the County Park in Franklin and it was beautiful and in great condition.

Quarter Master – Nothing to report

Horse Shows – A members only fun show will be held at Ivan's Way on Saturday, October 23rd beginning at 12:00 pm. There will be judged costume event at 11:30 am.

Parades –

- The Bentleyville parade on Saturday, October 30th has been confirmed. The parade starts at 1:00 pm. Plan to arrive at 11:30 am. Parking is at Jet's. Please contact Jeanie Taylor if you plan on attending.
- An invitation was received to participate in the Homecoming Parade being held in Burgettstown on October 9th. The parade is starting at 11:00 am with line-up beginning at 10:15 am. This is not an official club sponsored event.

Banquet - The banquet is planned for Saturday January 29th at the Tradesman Inn. Jeanie Taylor has confirmed this date with the Tradesman, and Bucky the guitar guy has been scheduled to perform again for us.

Old Business – Nothing to discuss

New Business –

- Officer and Director nominations took place – voting will be on October 20th : President: Elaine Clemens Mowl Vice President: Jeanie Taylor Recording Secretary: Marci Kirchner Directors: Diana Hughes Meaghan Hettinger Marci Kirchner Chuck Dye (not present to accept)

The next meeting will be held on October 20th at Jeanie's house. A motion to Adjourn the meeting was made at 8:42 pm by Dave Kirchner & 2nd by Meaghan Hettinger.

**MOUNTAIN VALLEY TRAIL RIDERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
2021**

New Member: _____

Renewal Member: _____

YEARLY MEMBERSHIP TYPE:

_____ **HOUSEHOLD: \$15** - Adults with or without children under age 18 living at the same address

_____ **INDIVIDUAL: \$10**

Member Name(s)

Birthday Month

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail address: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Please make checks payable to: Mountain Valley Trail Riders, Inc.
Mailing address: P.O. Box 752, Washington, PA 15301

The undersigned applicant, in consideration of accepting this entry, does for himself/herself, his/hers heirs, executors, and assigns, waive and release Mountain Valley Trail Riders, Inc. and all individual members thereof, and all other persons, regardless of their capacity in any way connected with the Club described herein, their representatives, heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns from any and all rights, claims, or liability of any kind or nature that he/she might have. Further, he/she acknowledges that said release will extend to any accidents, damages, or claims arising out of the Club activities by his/her acts of anyone or any animal.

Applicant's signature: _____ **Date:** _____

If Youth, Parent or Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

Office Use Only Check # _____ Amount Recvd _____ Date Recvd _____

Officers and Committee Chairpersons

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Directors

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2023 Kellie DiBattista

until 2022 Michelle Frye
Patty Walker
Marci Kirchner

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Dave Kirchner
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Suzanne Weimer
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Marci Kirchner
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Jeanie Taylor
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Meaghan Hettinger
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Scrapbook...Lauren Hettinger (724)514-7781 **Adopt-A-Highway** Kellie DiBattista (412)337-2031
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Trail Scheduler

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